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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION	COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

In the Matter of)		3000 JUN 14 12 3: 4P
National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy,)	MUR 4997	SENSITIVE
as treasurer)		OCHOISE E

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept the attached, signed counterproposed conciliation agreement with the National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy, as treasurer, and close the file in this matter.

II. BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2000, the Commission found reason to believe that the National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy, as treasurer ("Respondents" or "Committee"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(4)(A)(i) by failing to timely file their 1998 July Quarterly Report. The Commission also determined to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement

III. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

A check for the civil penalty has not been received.

Based on the foregoing, this Office recommends that the Commission accept the attached agreement with National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy, as treasurer, and close the file in this matter.

IV. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Accept the attached counterproposed conciliation agreement with the National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy, as treasurer.
- 2. Close the file.
- 3. Approve the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

co/14/00 Date

BY:

Associate General Counsel

Attachments

- 1. Response received May 16, 2000
- 2. Counterproposed Conciliation Agreement

Staff Assigned: Karen White Tony Buckley



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TO: Office of the Commission Secretary

FROM: Office of General Counsel

DATE: June 14, 2000

SUBJECT: MUR 4997- General Counsel's Report #2

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